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Subsequently a report was received from the Board of Revenue suggesting that the work, if carried out according to the plans prepared in 1922, would submerge an area of valuable wet land. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation was requested to examine this point when scrutinizing the estimates. His report on it has also not yet been received.

Action taken on the Chief Engineer's Report on the Pullampet project.

* 11 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report of the Chief Engineer on the Pullampet project (vide page 334, Volume XXXVIII, Madras Legislative Council Proceedings) has been received and considered; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) The Chief Engineer for Irrigation has not yet submitted his report on the project. On an application from him the Government have recently sanctioned the employment for a period of six months, of an establishment for the examination of the gauging results connected with the project.

Legislation regarding kudimaramat.

* 12 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the consideration of the law relating to kudimaramat has been completed;

(b) whether the Government have come to any conclusions in the matter; and

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) are in the positive, when they propose to allow my Bill to be introduced?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) It does not lie with the Government but with His Excellency the Governor to grant or refuse sanction to the introduction of the Bill referred to.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—" May I know what advice the Government have given to His Excellency the Governor in the matter of my Bill?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—" I must ask for notice of that question. I am not sure that it is a question that can be answered at all."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—" May I know whether, in answer to clauses (a) and (b) of the question, the Government have to say anything so far as the kudimaramat is concerned, apart from the Bill of the hon. Member (Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao)?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—" Perhaps there may be a great deal to say on it when the occasion comes."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—" I thought, Sir, that clauses (a) and (b) clearly gave a wide scope for the hon. Member to say all that he could say. Clause (c) only refers to the Bill. Clauses (a) and (b) are general questions relating to kudimaramat. I do not understand why the hon. the

Revenue Member should say that he has much to say which he cannot say now. I would request you, Sir, to call the attention of the hon. the Revenue Member why he should not answer on clauses (*a*) and (*b*)."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may draw my attention to this after the questions are over."

11-30 a.m. Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether his attention has been drawn to part (*a*) definitely and whether his attention has been drawn to part (*b*) definitely ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir ; the questions were understood to refer to the hon. Member's Bill on the subject."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether his attention has been drawn to the sequence of clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have followed the sequence very carefully, Sir."

Progress of the Tippayapalaiyam project

* 13 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any further steps have been taken in regard to the pushing on of the Tippayapalaiyam project since August 1927—vide answer to question No. 334, dated 27th August 1927 ; and

(*b*) when it is likely that the project will be taken in hand for full execution ?

A.—(*a*) The Board of Revenue and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation submitted their reports in June last. From their reports it appears that the scheme may be estimated to yield a return of nearly 4 per cent. Certain items of cost were not however taken into account and an estimate under these heads has been called for and is awaited.

(*b*) Having regard to what has been stated in answer to clause (*a*) the Government are at present unable to reply to this question.

Reinvestigation of the Gajuladinne project.

* 14 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered the re-investigation of the Gajuladinne (Hindri) project and the Krishnapuram tank project both in the Pattikonda taluk of the Kurnool district which were ordered to lie over years ago pending the consideration of the bigger Tungabhadra project ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have any intention of reinvestigating the projects mentioned in my question ? "